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1. 59EB JAN.18. NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES EXCEPT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, BEING COVERED IN SEPTEL.

2. JAN. 19 MAIN ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1) HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT. POINT FREQUENTLY MADE THAT FELLOWSHIPS SHOULD BE AWARDED TO YOUNG AGGRESSIVE HEALTH WORKERS INSTEAD OF MORE ESTABLISHED PROFESSIONALS. CRITICISM OF LACK OF FOCUS ON NURSING IN TERMS OF NUMBERS, TRAINING AND FUNCTIONS. SECRETARIAT INFORMS THAT DG HAS WORKING GROUP TO DEFINE AN INTEGRATED NURSING POLICY FOR DISCUSSION AT WHA.

2) DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL. CONSIDERED OF HIGHEST PRIORITY IN KEEPING WITH STRATEGY OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND SIXTH PROGRAM OF WORK. POINT MADE THAT MUCH MORE CAN BE DONE WITH EXISTING TECHNOLOGY. SUB-ITEM MALARIA AND OTHER PARASITIC DISEASES STIMULATED VERY BROAD EXCHANGES
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INCLUDING SOME SHARP CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT FOR LACK OF INITIATIVE AND BUDGETARY SUPPORT. SECRETARIAT RESPONSE EMPHASIZED THAT NO ACTION BY WHO CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT POLITICAL WILL, ASSIGNMENT OF ADEQUATE PRIORITY AND SUFFICIENT RESOURCES BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. DG WELCOMED THOROUGH AND FRANK DISCUSSION BUT INSISTED THAT MALARIA MUST BE PART NOT ONLY OF HEALTH SECTOR BUT

OF ENTIRE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PICTURE. HE PLANS
TO INVOLVE BOTH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EB ON MALARIA,
AND ALSO THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON MALARIA TO COMPLETELY
REVIEW WHO'S PROGRAM IN THIS AREA AND TO FORMULATE NEW
STRATEGIES. EB DISCUSSIONS MAKE EVIDENT THAT MALARIA
NOW COMMANDS VERY HIGH PRIORITY AND URGENCY.CATTO

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